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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION--ITEM 4: MIDDLE EAST OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

1. DURING DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT AGENDA ITEM WHICH BEGAN AT AMM. MEETING FEBRUARY 9, PLO OBSERVER DELEGATION DREW ATTENTION TO ALLEGEDLY DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS IN ISRAELI-RUN PRISONS OCCUPIED BY ARAB DETAINEES AND MENTIONED ESPECIALLY CONDITIONS IN ISRAELI ASHKALON PRISON WHERE BAD CONDITIONS HAD RECENTLY DRIVEN PRISONERS TO ENGAGE IN A HUNGER STRIKE. PLO REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTED THAT SITUATION WAS OF SUCH URGENCY THAT, FOLLOWING PREVIOUS PRECEDENTS, COMMISSION SHOULD ADDRESS TELEGRAM TO ISRAELI GOVERNMENT CALLING FOR CESSATION OF ILL-TREATMENT TO DETAINEES. PLO SUGGESTION TAKEN UP BY DELEGATIONS OF JORDAN AND SYRIA.

2. AT P.M. MEETING FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TEXT READ OUT BY SYRIA (TEXT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CIRCULATED IN WRITING):

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QTE. THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENED A ITS 33RD SESSION, BEING INTERESTEDINPROMOTION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD ARE CONCERNED ABOUT REPORTS OF CONDITIONS OF IMPRISONMENT OF ARAB DETAINEES AS A RESULT OF WHICH DEATH CASES HAVE BEEN REPORTED,CALLS UPON THE GOVERNMENT OF

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ISRAEL TO CEASE FORTHWITH THOSE MEASURESOF ILLTREAT

MENT OF THE DETAINEES, TO TAKE IMMEDIATE AND NECESSARY MEASURES TO COMPLY WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS. UNQTE.

3. AFTER CIRCULATION OF TEXT UK DEL ASKED FOR MORETIME TO CONSIDER MATTER AND PROPOSED THAT DECISION ON TELEGRAM BE PUT OFF UNTIL FOLLOWING A.M. THIS PROPOSAL OPPOSED BY JORDAN AND SYRIA, WHO STRESSED URGENCY OF BRINGING RELIEF TO ALLEGEDLY ILL-TREATED DETAINEES.

4. ISRAELI OBSERVER DELEGATION THEN RESPONDED TO ALLEGATIONS INTELEGRAM DENYING THAT DETAINEES WERE ILL-TREATED, NOTING THAT HUNGER STRIKE HAD ENDED TWO WEEKS AGO, AND DESCRIBING MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO RELIEVE OVERCROWDED PRISON CONDITIONS. ISRAELI REP ALSO NOTED THAT THE PRISONERS IN ASHKALON PRISON WERE THERE AS A RESULT OF CONVICTION FOR CRIMINAL ACTS. HE CRITICIZED TELEGRAM TEXT AS TREATING UNSUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATIONS AS PROVEN.

5. AFTER FURTHER EXCHANGES REPRESENTATIVE OF SENEGAL (KEVA M'BAYE, A MEMBER OF THE GA SPECIAL INVESTIGATING COMMITEE WHO GAVE MOST REASONED STATE-MENT IN THE DEBATE) EXPRESSED INTENT TO REVIEW TELEGRAM TEXT, PRESUMABLY TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF ISRAELI CRITIQUE.

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6. FURTHER DISCUSSION OF TELEGRAM TEXT WILL RESUME AT A.M. MEETING FEBRUARY 10. IN ALL LIKELIHOOD THERE WILL BE A REVISED TEXT, PROBABLY PRESENTING A MORE MODERATE APPEAL TO ISRAELI AUTHORITIES TO ALLOW INVESTIGATION AND REPORT ON ALLEGATIONS OF ILL-TREAT-MENT OF DETAINEES.

7. USDEL REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS IF ORIGINAL TEXT VOTED ON OR IF TEXT MODIFIED ALONG SUGGESTED LINES. OUR SOUNDINGS WITH THE WEOS INDICATED THAT ON TEXT QUOTED ABOVE UK, SWEDEN, ITALY AND PROBABLY FRG WOULD ABSTAIN (FRG EVEN CONSIDERING YES VOTE) AND CANADA VOTE NO. BRUNGART

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